

REMARKS

Claims 38-59 are pending. Claims 38, 39, 44, 46, 48, and 50 have been amended.

Informalities in the specification noted in the Office Action have been addressed. In particular, the objection to the drawings has been addressed by the enclosed replacement sheets in which Figs. 1-3 and 10-13 have been labeled as "Prior Art." The statement of continuing data on page 1 has been updated. The Brief Description of the Drawings and the Detailed Description have been corrected to refer to Figs. 4A, 4B, 14A, and 14B. The statement "What is claimed as new..." has been moved from the last page of the specification to the first page of claims.

The objections to claims 38-54 on the basis of a failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention have been addressed by the amendments to claims 38, 39, 44, 46, 48, and 50.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of replacement drawings include changes to Figs. 1-3 and 10-13 labeling them as prior art, as required.

Attachment: Replacement sheets (2)